

cause for the disease. The objection that the outside students drank of this same water, I would meet by saying that they were in the institution only five or six hours a day, five days in the week; that women proverbially drink very little water—too little for their own good, generally—and that small doses of the poison do not cause the disease always. Then some are more susceptible than others—hardly more than ten per cent. succumbed to full doses.

CARE OF THE SICK.

I went through the Infirmary and saw the arrangement and management, and I do not hesitate to say that with skilful physicians, trained nurses, good surroundings and an affectionate interest on the part of every one connected with the College, the sick could not be cared for better anywhere.

THE MANAGEMENT.

In the light of what has occurred, it is easy to say that those in control of the institution are to blame. I think not, any more than we all are, under similar circumstances. As I understand it, the plumbing was let to responsible parties, the contract being for a "first-class" job, and there seems to have been no reason to suspect the leak, for a particular inquiry of the young lady who was in the butter-room every day developed that she had not noticed any odor other than that usually found in all basements. None of us have our wells examined bacteriologically unless there is reason to suspect them. Situated as it is, the contamination of the central well appeared hardly possible. If the management were deserving of criticism in the least it would surely come from the friends of the sick. With a remarkable unanimity they commend it in every respect.

I was particularly requested by the Board of Directors to state in this communication that they had by formal resolution expressed their approval of the action of the Executive Committee and their appreciation of the conduct and work during this trying ordeal of President McIver and the members of the faculty, and their entire confidence in him and them. I was also asked to say that the report of the physicians to the Board was eminently satisfactory. For myself I wish to say that I was more thoroughly convinced than ever of President McIver's eminent fitness for his position, and that I shared the confidence of the Board in the medical attendants.

CONCLUSION.

The old sewer has been entirely removed, the leaking terra-cotta soil-pipe has been replaced with iron, laid in lead-joints, the contaminated earth will all be removed, and the space disinfected and refilled; the wells will all be filled up, and the city water will be safely used, prob-